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Aug 20, 1866

Pres Andrew Johnson formally  
declared the Civil War over  
months after the fighting had  
stopped!

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July 25, 1866

Ulysses S. Grant was named  
General of the Army, the first  
officer to hold the rank.

July 24, 1866

Tennessee became the first  
state readmitted to the  
Union after the Civil War.

July 27, 1866

Cyrus W. Field finally succeeded,  
after two failures, in laying  
the first underwater telegraph  
cable between North America  
and Europe.

July 1866

The last coils of Cyrus Field's new Atlantic Cable were reeled from the hold of the largest ship in the world, the 'Great Eastern' in a 5th attempt to lay the submarine telegraph line. The cable was brought safely ashore in



Newfoundland & worked perfectly  
shortly afterward, a broken cable,  
at sea, was recovered & put  
into working order.